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Dear Ms Altman,

Planning Application Consultation Request RM/25/100615 west of Burnett lane, Holme and Homestall, Horton Heath

Thank you for your consultation. I would not raise any archaeological issues in relation to the reserve matters application, but would continue to rely on the archaeological conditions attached to the outline planning application to address and secure any archaeological issues arising. However, I do note that the applicant has supplied an archaeological statement, which I have read and would endorse to you. This recognises the situation in effect post outline planning permission that archaeological matters are not likely to prove overriding (para 4.8, 5.4) but that the scope of further archaeological works will need to be agreed (para 4.11, 4.12, and 5.5). I would agree and would rely in the archaeological conditions attached to the outline planning permission to secure this programme. But I do in particular note that the archaeological statement raises two further issues. It is noted that there is a particular archaeological potential for evidence of Mesolithic date and such evidence is not universal but is of a higher potential in some Landscape zones (para 3.20, 3.21 and 5.2). I also note the discussion regarding the results of other archaeological evaluation surveys that have taken place in the vicinity which have found only limited archaeological evidence. Para 4.12 suggest that the programme of archaeological work will need to be agreed, but that such further work might be staged and targeted. I would agree.

In terms of how this might be manifested I will await a written scheme of works from the applicant, but at present it is my opinion that a preliminary geophysical survey would identify locations where substantive archaeological remains might exist. Subsequent trial trenching, in light of the negative results in adjacent landscapes, might be targeted using that geophysical survey result, although Mesolithic sites would not be identified by geophysical survey and so those landscapes of higher archaeological potential for Mesolithic sites might have to be subject to trenching in their own right. This would be a staged and targeted programme allowing for a reduced burden of archaeological evaluation if the geophysical survey results do not identify the presence of substantive archaeological sites.

Yours sincerely

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